



February 9, 2024

Dear CTK parish family,

What an amazing CTK Trivia Night last weekend! Final numbers are not in yet, but it looks like we cleared north of \$37,000. **Thanks to Bill and Theresa Bayer and Fred and Sarah Rusche, along with their team of volunteers who made the evening possible, and to all who donated and attended that made the evening so successful.**



The MRC was full of parishioners and guests who had the opportunity to experience the joyful and generous spirit of our parish. Two couples in particular were excited in announcing that they just joined or were joining the parish. The first stage of the MRC renovation got rave reviews, and coupled with the great success of the Annual Giving effort there will be even more and better things to come.

Pardon the **temporary sound system in the church this weekend** as we are in the final stages of having the new digital sound system ready by Ash Wednesday – I think you will appreciate the enhanced sound system.

Speaking of **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, I hope you will find/make the time to be signed with the ashes that begin our Lenten experience. Plenty of Masses to choose from in our area:

7am at CTK . . . 7:15am at St Joseph. . . 8:15am (school Mass) at CTK. . . 8:30am (school Mass) at St Roch . . . 12Noon at St Joseph . . . 5:30pm at both St Joseph and St Roch . . . and 6:30pm at CTK. Be assured of my prayers that this Lent will draw us all closer to one another and to the Lord.

Fr Chris Martin will be the featured speaker at our **MISSION MONDAYS** program that is being co-sponsored by Christ the King and St Joseph. **The first two Mondays, February 26 and March 4, will be at Christ the**

King Church, and the Mondays of March 11 and 18 will be at St Joseph Church. All the evenings will last less than an hour and involve a bit of evening prayer and presentations. Please, mark these dates down and make these Mondays part of your Lenten discipline.

May Christ the King reign in our lives.

Msgr Mike

As we approach the season of Lent, we might ask, "What should I do with the dried palm from last year? Blessed items, also known as sacramentals, are to be treated with respect and not thrown into the trash. **Dried blessed palm is being collected in containers at the Church entryway from now until Sunday, February 11.** This collected palm will be burned; palm ashes can be used on Ash Wednesday, or they may be buried.



Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

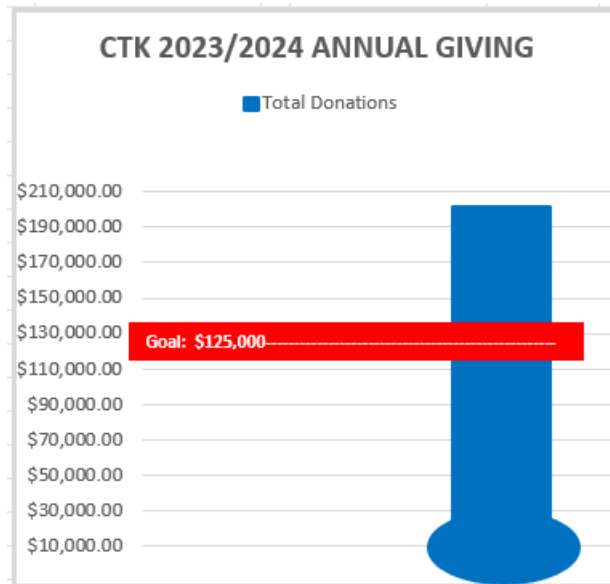
For members of the Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Church from age 14 onwards.

And in Other Parish News.....

- **NOTE FROM KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY:** Thank you for your parish community's generous gift of \$982.00 on 1/17/24 to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's Christmas Collection. The support of your parishioners gives our seminarians hope as they discern whether God is calling them to the parish priesthood.

Annual Giving Total as of February 4, 2024 -- \$200,893

Campaign ends February 14, 2024



Online Draft of Christ the King Parish Photo Directory is Ready!

An online draft of our new Christ the King 2.0 parish photo directory is available. To view the photo directory, you will need a password. You can obtain the password by:

- Contacting Karen Sheridan at the Rectory by email, rectory@ctkstl.com, or by phone, 314-721-8737.
- Contacting Fran Colletti, fiveapple@aol.com, or Ellen Howe, ellenhowe50@gmail.com.

In compiling the parish photo directory, we learned the following:

- Photos cannot be uploaded unless the person/family has completed all of the paperwork required to be registered as a parishioner.
- Some people submitted a photo but we either did not receive it or the photo could not be uploaded.

Before we print the parish photo directory, we want to give you the opportunity to complete the parish registration form which is available on-line or at the back of church so that your photo can be uploaded. We also want to give you the opportunity to submit a new photo. **The deadline for completing the registration form and submitting a new photo is March 1, 2024.**

1. To submit a photo:
 - Select the photo from your phone or computer. (Your photo should be more square than rectangular in shape.)
 - Upload the photo and send by email to ellenhowe50@gmail.com or to rectory@ctkstl.com
 - In the email subject line, please put Family Name Photo
 - In the body of the email, please list the names of the people in the photo that you are submitting.
2. We will send an email confirming that we received your photo.

Christ the King will be hosting a *National African American Read-In* on [Sunday, February 11, 2024, following the 10:00 Mass in the MRC.](#)

Everyone is welcome.



African American Read-In

The National African American Read-In (AARI) is a groundbreaking effort to encourage communities to read together, centering African American books and authors. It was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. This initiative has reached more than 6 million participants around the world.

Sue Anne Whitener will read the children's book, ***Leola and the Honeybears***, by Melodye Benson Rosales. A fun retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears that is appropriate for ages 3-5, but enjoyed by all ages.

After the children's book has been read, Art Wynkoop will give a brief overview, and read a few passages from, ***Intellectuals and Society (2nd Ed.)***, by Thomas Sowell.

Unfortunately, the activity that was planned for the children during the second story reading has been cancelled.



It's time again for our Christ the King Fish Frys! We look forward to seeing everyone **Friday, February 23 and Friday, March 22**, 4:30-8:00pm. Reach out to Carissa Minder, Katie West, or Kirk Wonio on how you can help with this community favorite.

St Joseph Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus presents **14th Annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry**
St. Joseph Parish Hall (basement of church) **February 14 4:00 - 7:00pm**

Baked Fish - Fried Fish - Shrimp - Fish & Shrimp
Reservations preferred - Walk-ins welcome - Carry-outs available

All meals include slaw, mostaccioli, hush puppies, dessert, and beverage! Thanks to those who make our delicious, homemade desserts! For more questions or to make a reservation, email St. Joseph at parishoffice@stjosephclayton.org or call at 314-726-1221.

Please join the Respect Life Committee on **Monday, February 26th at 6:30 in the MRC**. We will be discussing the upcoming Birthright Baby Shower, the MO Ballot Initiative, other archdiocesan events, and begin the discussion on the next area of focus for the year. *All are welcome!*



MUSIC NEWS

ALPHORNS AT CHRIST THE KING

The musical Jöstlein family from our parish, along with Eighth Graders from Christ the King School, will be sharing their talents on **Saturday, February 10 at 5:00 p.m. Mass**. Thomas and Tricia will play alhorn songs for prelude and postlude. Members of the Eighth Grade Class will cantor, lead singing, and share a Communion Meditation. What a special Mass this will be as we prepare for Lent.

The Saint Louis Wind Symphony will be presenting a free concert on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 3:00 p.m. at the 560 Music Center on the campus of Washington University. The concert will feature music from exciting young composers Omar Thomas and Katahj Copley, as well as Aaron Copland's beloved "Lincoln Portrait" narrated by Kathy Lawton Brown of Classic 107.3 FM. One of the featured pieces by Omar Thomas entitled "Of Our New Day Begun" was written to honor the nine beautiful souls lost to a callous act of hatred and domestic terrorism on the evening of June 17, 2015 while worshiping in their beloved sanctuary, the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

The Saint Louis Wind Symphony is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and performing quality wind band music, supporting music education and commissioning new works. Established in the late 1990's, the all volunteer Wind Symphony's 65-member ensemble is staffed by musicians from across Missouri and Illinois. The majority of the ensemble consists of current and former music educators who believe that the importance of music is demonstrated not only by passing the knowledge of it onto others but also by participating in its creation. Learn [more about the Saint Louis Wind Symphony](#) on their website.



COMING SOON

“The Song of Mark” is a musical by Marty Haugen which is based on the life of Jesus as recounted in the Gospel of Mark. Careful theological reflection, colorful story-telling, and accessible music bring to life this telling of the Good News of Jesus’ life and passion. Members of our Adult and Children’s Choirs will join musicians from a variety of Churches to perform this musical during Lent. Performances are free and open to the public, an offering will be received.

- Friday, February 23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 567 St. Joseph Lane in Manchester
- Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 5800 Oleatha in South City
- **Friday, March 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church, 7316 Balson in University City**

April 20, 2024

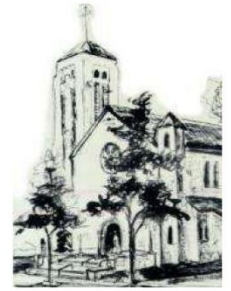


5k Start Time: 8am
5k Awards: 8:45am
1/2 mile Fun Run: 9am
Post-race refreshments

<http://tinyurl.com/ctk5k2024>



Christ the King Parish, 2024 Men's Retreat
Friday, March 1st - Sunday, March 3rd
Cedar Creek Conference Center, New Haven, MO



"Take, Lord, Receive"

Dear Brothers,

Please join us for our annual Men's Retreat! We are offering a two-night retreat and we will be gathering at the beautiful Cedar Creek Conference Center in New Haven. The retreat will begin with the first session on Friday evening and end before lunch on Sunday morning. Steve Givens will be the Retreat Facilitator. Please see his bio on the next page.

The address of Cedar Creek Conference center is:

1401 Olive Road, New Haven, MO 63068 (which works in all GPS systems and is about a 1 hour and 15-minute drive from U City)

All participants are encouraged to arrive Friday night by 7:00.

The suggested cost for the retreat is \$200 for two nights. This cost includes meals and a single room. **However, any amount is acceptable** and please contact Dave Dille (314-320-8210, ddille@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the retreat.

All registrants will be contacted to confirm directions and travel arrangements. Carpooling is encouraged. The web site for Cedar Creek is <http://www.cedarcreekcenter.com/>

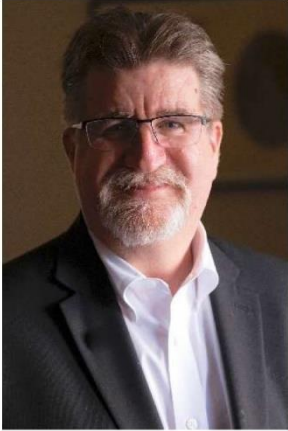
Please Register by February 19th

Payment may be made at the retreat (Please make checks to Christ the King)

Registration is very easy –

please **email** the information below to ddille@yahoo.com

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I need a ride to Cedar Creek
Emergency Contact _____



Christ the King is pleased to introduce Steve Givens as our Retreat Facilitator. He is a retreat and spiritual director and a widely published writer on issues of Catholic-Christian faith and spirituality. He is the executive director of the Bridges Foundation, which brings Ignatian spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola to everyday life for those in the St. Louis region. He is also a musician, composer, and singer who lives in St. Louis, Mo., with his wife, Sue. They have two grown and married children and five grandchildren.

He has been a regular contributor to the daily devotionals “Living Faith,” “Living Faith Kids,” and “Living with Christ” for 35 years and writes a blog at givenscreative.com. For the last ten years, he has given retreats and presentations at parishes and retreat centers — to, for, and with lay people and religious orders, including the Jesuits, Marianists, Dominicans, Franciscans and Alexian Brothers.

Diagnosed in 2007 with a rare blood disease, he underwent chemotherapy treatment for more than three years, and that experience is the subject of his book, “Embraced by God: Facing Chemotherapy with Faith,” released in 2010 by Twenty-Third Publications.

A native of St. Louis and a long-time (and now retired) administrator at Washington University, Steve is a graduate of the Spiritual Direction program at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis and now sits on the Institute’s Board of Trustees.